Statement II

Month	Price variation as measured by		
	CPI for Agricultural Labourers	CPI for Industrial Workers	Wholesale Price Index
December, 92 . .	5.9	8.0	8.5
January, 93 . . .	5.0	5.7	7.6
February, 93 . . .	1.9	5.7	7.6
March, 93 . .	0.7	6.1	7.1
April, 93 . .	(—)0.7	6.1	6.9
May, 93 . . .	(—)1.9	5.1	6.1

Plight of Domestic Servants

1836. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item that appeared in 'Indian Express', New Delhi dated the 6th June, 1993, captioned 'A pathetic tale of domestic servants' where it has been stated that according to a study tribal girls who work as domestic servants are exploited; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to improve their lot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi has informed that no such case of exploitation of tribal girls has been reported to Delhi Police.

Labour Disputes in the Country

1837. SHRI RATNABAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of labour disputes in the country during the last three years. State-wise;

(b) the number of lockouts, closures and strikes due to such disputes and the number of 'man-days lost' during this period: and

(c) the number of settlements reached to solve such disputes;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Industrial disputes are raised under the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 both at the Centre and States. Information on the number of disputes in the country and settlements reached on the disputes is not compiled centrally.

Based on the latest available information, statements giving state-wise number of strikes and lockouts due to industrial disputes, man-days lost due to these strikes and lockouts and the number of closures due to reasons of financial stringency, shortage of raw-material, shortage of power, lack of demand for products etc during the years 1990-93 are at Annexures.

[*See* Appendix CLXVIII, Annexure Nos. 32 and 33.]

1838. [*Transferred to 19th August* 1993.]

Bonded Labourers freed and Rehabilitated

1839. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of bonded labour freed in the country at present:

(b) whether it is a fact that progress of their rehabilitation is not upto the mark:

(c) if so, what are details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to expedite their rehabilitation?